

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY  
CENTER 3662**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Title      | : METHODS OF ESTIMATING         |                   |             |
|            | : PRECIPITATION CHARACTERISTICS |                   |             |
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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 7, 2008, the Applicants amend the  
Application as follows: